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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Abboud, if I know something,...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...I am willing to state what I think that I know. I just can't answer your questions, but all I can say that confirmation is an affirmative act by the Legislature.

SENATOR ABOUD: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Some people have argued that there must be a vote not to confirm, but I haven't seen that actually adopted anywhere. But if the Legislature fails to vote affirmatively to confirm, I think it is considered that that person has not obtained the confirmation, but the Legislature would have to do something. I cannot say that if the Legislature fails to act, this person has been rejected because the Legislature hasn't done anything. That's the only thing I can give you as an opinion, because I don't know of any instance like that of this having occurred.

SENATOR ABOUD: So you are viewing as an affirmative act, either acceptance or denial of the confirmation is what you are...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: It would depend on how...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...how you want to phrase the issue when it is presented.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Abboud, your light is next.

SENATOR ABOUD: I think you've answered the question.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, okay.

SENATOR ABOUD: I think that...we can go back to that but you are not sure if it's...I guess that's something that maybe is addressed through a different part of the statute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: It might be, but here is what I am saying.

SENATOR ABOUD: I'm trying to give you an out here, Senator